

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-10, 16-26, 57, 59, 60-64, and 66-68 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 16, 57, 59, 60, and 66-68 being independent.

Claims 61, 62, 64 and 80-88 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 60, 66, and 67 have been amended. Applicants submit that support for these amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Applicants' note with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-10, 16-26, 57, and 59 have been allowed by the Examiner over the cited art.

Claims 60-64, 66-68, and 80-88 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,982,891 (Ginter et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

As recited in independent Claim 60, the present invention includes, *inter alia*, the features of receiving an instruction to execute a process for data, displaying a notification in a dialogue based on data control information, in a case where the data control information shows that the process indicated by an instruction is not permitted, and displaying the data on a display, independently from the notification display in a dialogue, in a condition before the instruction has been received. With these features, an apparatus can independently display (i) data in a condition before receipt of an instruction to execute a process for the data, and (ii) a notification dialogue in a case where data control information shows that the process indicated by the instruction is not permitted. Independent Claims 66-68 recite similar features.

Applicants submit that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned features. Ginter et al. merely discloses that a user is permitted to access data only if a VDE system permits it. However, Applicants submit that Ginter et al. does not disclose or suggest at least the features of displaying a notification in a dialogue, in a case where data control information shows that a process indicated by an instruction is not permitted, or of displaying data, independently of the notification display in a dialogue, in a condition before the instructions has been received.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present invention recited in independent Claims 60 and 66-68 is also patentable over the art of record.

The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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